to know when the Central Electricity Authority cleared this project to be set up at Talcher because this is a Central project. I would also like to know whether World Bank has accepted the project and what the funding pattern of this project is...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That he has already mentioned.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: I want to know from the honourable Minister categorically whether World Bank has accepted it or not because this project is pending with the Central Government for the past few years and no work has been started so far. I would further like to say that on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power in the year 1976, six places were selected for setting up a super-thermal power plant in the country. In all the projects, work has already started except Talcher. So, I would like to know when the work is going to be started at Talcher. So far, funding pattern has not been decided, and the World Bank has not accepted the proposal. I want to know whether the World Bank has accepted the proposal.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Madam, the World Bank has accepted the proposal. It was approved by the Central Electricity Authority. Then it was sent to the Public Investment Board. It was also accepted there. Then the Planning Commission also accepted it. There was a cost escalation. Therefore updated cost has also to be approved. The Government of India, with the help of the World Bank Funds, has to approve this scheme. Infrastructural construction is going on. And this project will be completed within five years. This project is of 3,000MW and it will herald a new era of prosperity for Orissa people.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 346.

*346. [*The questioner (Shri Prabhakar Rao Kalvala) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 31-32 *infra.*]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 347.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, Question No. 347.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : जब राय उत्तर ढूंढ रहे हैं तो प्रश्नकाल का समय बढ़ाया जाए जितना ढूंढने में समय जा रहा है।

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The hon. Minister is searching the answer. It will be very difficult to reach Tuticorin. (*Interruptions*).

Project Report on Tuticorin Power Station

*347. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:†
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 294 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the detailed project report relating to the setting up of Extension Stage-III (2x200MW) at the Tuticorin Thermal Power Station has since been received from the Tamil Nadu Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Tuticorin Thermal Power Project Extension Stage-III is now being implemented as a State Sector project.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, Deputy Chairman, the Government gave its reply to my Starred Question on 17th August last year that the Government of Tamil Nadu had proposed the setting up of Extension Stage-III with a capacity of 420 MW at the Tuticorin Thermal Power Station through a joint sector company formed with the participation of a consor-

†The question was actually asked on the door of the House by Shri V. Gopalsamy.

tium of private industrialists. The proposal was examined by he Central Electricity Authority and their observations conveyed to the State Government in September, 1986. Now I would like to know as to what was the detailed project report which was requested by the Central Electricity Authority, what was the report submitted by the Tamil Nadu Government and whether the Tamil Nadu Government submitted any detailed report or not because now in his reply the hon. Minister has stated that it is being implemented as a State Sector project. Previously the proposal was for a joint sector project with the help of private industrialists. I would like to have a specific answer.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Madam, the proposal for installation of Stage-III of the Tuticorin Thermal Power Plant—2x210 MW—as an extension to the existing Thermal Power Station was techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority in March, 1984 and was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in June, 1985 for being executed in the State Sector by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Under the State Seventh Plan, the implementation of the scheme was to be taken up in the year 1985-86...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, he has not understood my question.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Let me first complete. Then you ask. (*Interruptions*) The proposal was based on the supply of coal from indigenous sources. The construction work on the extension stage of the project has commenced. The units are to be commissioned in 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. However, the first unit of the State... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I referred to the reply given in 1987. The specific question...

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: The State Government wanted this project to be completed in the joint sector. They had recommended to the Central Government and they wanted the comments by the Central Electricity Authority. The Central Electricity Authority had some questions to ask from the State Government, whether these formalities are going to be completed or not? Then the State Government did not reply those queries. Now the State Government does not want this project to be completed in the joint sector and now they have started to construct this project in the State sector.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, now the Minister has stated that the Central Electricity Authority made some observations. I would like to know what were the observations and objections to the proposals sent by the Tamil Nadu Government. Is it because this consortium of private industrialists wanted linkage or supply of coal from Australia? Did the Government of India object to this point regarding supply of coal from Australia or there were some other observations which were not agreeable to the Government of Tamil Nadu? That is the first part of my question. The second part of my question is that now that it is being implemented as a State sector project, according to your reply, I would like to know when it will be completed and commissioned.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Madam, the recommendation by the State Government that this project should be taken in the joint sector, with the participation of the private sector, the Government of India was thinking to include participation by the private people in the power sector. Now, certain questions were asked from the State Government. Now, those people who wanted to participate were not agreeable to those terms. That policy is under consideration by the Government of India. We have still not decided. Therefore, we asked some questions. They did not reply. Later on they said that they were going to complete this project under the State sector.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: May I know whether the Government wants to encourage joint sector or not? What questions you raised, what objections you raised to which the Government of Tamil Nadu were not agreeable?

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: The Central Electricity Authority sent some questions to the State Government.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There were no objections. There were certain clarifications sought from the State Government.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: These were highly technical objections...

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):...which you will not understand. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: This project will be completed within the time schedule because it is the State Government which has to complete this project and they will get it completed within the time schedule.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. T. R. Balu, absent.

श्री बोर पद्म प्रताप सिंह : माननीय मंत्री जी से मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जब राज्य सरकार ने उत्तर नहीं दिया, फिर भी यह मामला ज्वांट सैक्टर में केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकार के मिल कर बनाने में जो टाइम ओवर रन और कास्ट ओवर रन का खतरा है टल जाएगा और प्रोजेक्ट पूरा हो जाएगा तो यह ज्वायंट सैक्टर अपनाने में क्या हर्ज है ?

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : यह नीति सरकार के विचाराधीन है । अभी इस पर सरकार ने कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है इसलिए उसको एक्सेप्ट नहीं किया ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 348.

Ban on Imports of PTFE

*348. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to ban imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) a raw materials for engineering plastics;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what other arrangements have been made to need the domestic demands of PTFE;

(d) whether Hindustan Fluoro Carbons Limited has been manufacturing PTFE; and

(e) if so, whether its product has been at per with the imported PTFE?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. The quality has been generally upto the mark except for some variation during the initial stages of manufacture.

डा बापू कालदाते : उपसभापति जी, यह जो पी० टी० एफ० ई० है यह एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण इंजीनियरिंग प्लास्टिक है और इसका उपयोग कई क्षेत्रों में किया जाता है, जैसे--इलेक्ट्रानिक्स, टेलिकम्युनिकेशन, रक्षा के विभाग विषय में भी है, न्यूक्लियर रिसर्च में है । यहां अपने देश में सिर्फ 200 टन तक ही इसकी डिमांड है । यह बात सही है कि सरकार ने हैदराबाद के पास एक पब्लिक अंडरटेकिंग पी० टी० एफ० ई० तैयार करने के लिए लगाया है, लेकिन वह 1987 की बात है। सवाल यह है कि आपने बैन नहीं किया, यह बात सही है, लेकिन क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि सरकार ने उसकी जो इम्पोर्ट ड्यूटी है वह 174 से 224 कर 85 परसेंट बढ़ा दी है । महोदया, आज जो अपना प्रोडक्शन है, सरकारी प्रोडक्शन है, मैं इसका स्वागत करता हूं । अगर सरकारी उद्यम अधिक होते हैं तो हमें तो खुशी होगी कि बजाय प्राइवेटाइजेशन करने के हम खुद पैदा करें । लेकिन जो भी कीमत लगाया जाती है, जो बाहर से आता है पी० टी० एफ० ई० उसका दाम 415 से 510 तक होता है और भारतीय प्रोड्यस का दाम 355 से लेकर 470 तक होता है। तो एक तरफ से तो इम्पोर्ट ड्यटी बढ़ा दी और दूसरी तरफ से बाहर से आने वाले पी० टी० एफ० ई० का दाम भी ज्यादा है ।